

State of California — The Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
**PRIMARY RECORD**

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NRHP Status Code \_\_\_\_\_

Other Listings \_\_\_\_\_

Review Code \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Page 1 of 1 Resource name(s) or number (assigned by recorder) N-269

**P1. Other Identifier:** Automation Sciences Research Facility

**\*P2. Location:** ☒ Not for Publication ☐ Unrestricted

**\*a. County** Santa Clara

**\*b. USGS 7.5' Quad** San Francisco North, Calif. **Date:** 1995

**\*c. Address** 205 Allen Road

**City** Moffett Field

**Zip** 94035

**\*e. Other Locational Data:**

**\*P3a. Description:** (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries.)

Building N-269 is a two-story concrete and steel building that is used as a research laboratory and office area. The exterior features cement panels, ceramic tile trim, and long expanses of ribbon windows. The main entry along Parson Avenue is demarcated by a tall, glazed section and glazed aluminum doors. This building is connected to the neighboring Building N-262 on the east façade. Atop the building is a corrugated metal penthouse that is visible from the street. It is 55,540 sq. ft.

As noted in Glenn Burgos' *Atmosphere of Freedom: Sixty Years at the NASA Ames Research Center*, "Built adjacent to the human factors laboratory was the automation sciences research facility (ASRF) so that experts in human factors and artificial intelligence could collaborate. The ASRF opened in January 1992, four months ahead of schedule and \$500,000 under its \$10 million budget. The ASRF provided office space for the growing numbers of artificial intelligence and robotics experts at Ames, led by information sciences division chief, Henry Lum. It also provided eleven superb laboratories. In the high bay Ames built a simulated lunar terrain and used it to test intelligent systems for a rover that would explore planetary surfaces."

This building appears to be in good condition.

**\*P3b. Resource Attributes:** (list attributes and codes) HP 6 – 1-3 story Commercial Building

**\*P4. Resources Present:** ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District ☐ Other

P5a. Photo



**P5b. Photo:** (view and date)  
View of west façade, (08/04/05)

**\*P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:** 1990

**\*P7. Owner and Address:**  
United States of America as  
represented by National Aeronautics  
and Space Administration (NASA)

**\*P8. Recorded by:**  
Page & Turnbull, Inc.  
724 Pine Street  
San Francisco, CA 94108

**\*P9. Date Recorded:** 08/04/05

**\*P10. Survey Type:**  
Reconnaissance

**\*P11. Report Citation:** Burgos,  
Glenn. *Atmosphere of Freedom: Sixty  
Years at the NASA Ames Research  
Center*. online book, Washington,  
D.C.: NASA SP-4314, 2000.

**\*Attachments:** ☒ None ☐ Location Map ☐ Sketch Map ☐ Continuation Sheet ☐ Building, Structure, and Object Record  
☐ Archaeological Record ☐ District Record ☐ Linear Feature Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Rock Art Record  
☐ Artifact Record ☐ Photograph Record ☐ Other (list)